

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco products and the conspicuous possession of tobacco products by students while in or on school properties, or under the school's jurisdiction during school hours, or while participating in a school-sponsored event is prohibited.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "School property" shall mean all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All interior portions of any building or other structure used for instruction, administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
 - b. All school grounds over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playground, athletic field, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" shall include cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such a manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking, snorting, or all three. Tobacco shall include cloves or any other product packaged for smoking.
3. "Use" shall mean lighting, chewing, inhaling, snorting, or smoking any tobacco product.

Disciplinary measures for students who violate this policy shall include:

First offense: Confiscation of tobacco product, notification of parents, one day in-school suspension. (Penalties from athletic participation per Board Policy JJIE-R).

Second offense: Confiscation of tobacco product, notification of parents, three days in-school suspension. (Penalties from athletic participation per Board Policy JJIE-R).

Third offense: Confiscation of tobacco product, notification of parents, five days in-school suspension. (Penalties from athletic participation per Board Policy JJIE-R).

Tobacco offenses shall not incur out of school suspensions nor may a student be expelled solely for tobacco use.

EXEMPTIONS:

The Board shall consider requests for exemptions from this policy which demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances exist to warrant such an exemption and which does not violate federal law.

Requests for exemption from students or staff members on behalf of students shall be submitted to the building principal. The request shall include steps that will be taken by the school within the next year to work toward compliance with the district's tobacco-free policy. The building level accountability committee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the building principal. The administrator's recommendation shall be forwarded to the Board of Education for final decision.

LEGAL REFS: 20 U.S.C. 6083 (Federal law prohibits smoking in any indoor facility used to provide educational services to children.)
C.R.S. 18-13-121
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1) (bb)
C.R.S. 25-14-103.56 CCR 1010-6, Rule 5-306

CROSS REFS: ADC, Tobacco Free Schools
IHAMA, Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students

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